

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A wheelend end assembly for a vehicle comprising:
a support structure;
a spindle secured to said support structure with said spindle having a bore;
an output shaft received within said bore and rotatable relative to said spindle about an axis;
a planetary gear set coupled to said output shaft to multiply torque to said output shaft;
a wheel hub disposed about said spindle and supported thereon by first and second bearings; and
a bearing retainer secured to an end of said spindle adjacent to one of said first and second bearings for axially positioning said bearings relative to said spindle.
2. (Original) The assembly according to claim 1 wherein each of said first and second bearings include inner races in engagement with said spindle and outer races in engagement with said wheel hub.
3. (Original) The assembly according to claim 2 wherein said wheel hub includes a flange with at least one wheel secured to said flange.
4. (Original) The assembly according to claim 3 wherein said wheels define a track centerline with said track centerline arranged between said first and second bearings.
5. (Original) The assembly according to claim 2 wherein said bearing retainer includes a nut threadingly secured to an end of said spindle with a lock washer arranged between said nut and one of said inner races.

6. (Original) The assembly according to claim 1 further including a hub driver secured between said output shaft and said wheel hub to transmit rotational drive from said output shaft to said wheel hub.

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) The assembly according to claim [[7]] 1 wherein said output shaft is unsupported in said bore of said spindle with said output shaft secured to a planetary spider of said planetary gear set.

9. (Currently Amended) The assembly according to claim [[7]] 1 wherein said planetary gear set is arranged internal to said spindle proximate to said support structure.

10. (Currently Amended) The assembly according to claim 1 further including a brake assembly [[is]] located between said planetary gear set and said support structure.

11. - 14. (Cancelled).